

*Abstract:* 49 U.S.C. 60117 explains that in order to enable the Secretary of Transportation to decide whether a person transporting gas is complying with Federal safety standards this statute requires the maintenance of records and reports and that these and other requested information be provided to the Department of Transportation upon request. These records help ascertain compliance and provide information for incident investigation.

*Estimate of Burden:* The average burden hours per operator is 41.5.

*Respondents:* Gas Pipeline operators.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 22,700.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 940,991.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket: RSPA-98-4957; Notice 32]

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), is publishing its intention to renew the collection of information for Certification and Agreement Forms for the Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program. The information provided on

these forms is used to calculate grants to states to assist them in monitoring pipeline safety. This notice requests that states submit comments to RSPA to indicate the burden associated with providing the information requested in the certification and agreement forms. This information helps RSPA assess how it can better collect information and also helps ensure that states are receiving adequate assistance to further pipeline safety.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by December 11, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should identify the docket number of this notice, RSPA-98-4957. Comments can be mailed to Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. You should submit the original and one copy. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipts of your comments you must include a stamped self-addressed postcard. The Dockets Facility is open from 10 A.M. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. In addition, the public may also submit or review comments by accessing the Docket Management System's homepage at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### Type of Information Collection

*Request:* Renewal of Existing Collection.

#### Title of Information Collection:

Certification and Agreement Forms for the Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2137-0584.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Use:* This collection is used by RSPA to ensure that state agencies attesting they have regulatory jurisdiction over pipeline safety, have adopted and are complying with minimum Federal safety standards. This information is used to calculate grants to states.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 61.

*Respondents:* State Agencies.

*Total Annual Hours Requested:* 3,660.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions;

(2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 598X)]

#### CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Greenbrier County, WV

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon a 13.6-mile line of railroad between Rubert Junction at milepost CAH-7.2 and Clearco at milepost CAH-20.8 in Greenbrier County, WV. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 25984, 25958 and possibly 24931.

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there has been no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment and discontinuance shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed. Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be